Training Camps in Pakistan

610. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of terror training camps are functioning in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has urged Pakistan to take strong, effective and sustained action against the terror networks; and

(d) if so, whether any assurance has been given by Pakistan to take firm action against terror networks;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the strategy Government proposes to adopt to face the terror networks of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Yes. There is an infrastructure of terrorism in territories under the control of Pakistan.

(c) to (e) India has consistently emphasised to Pakistan the need to implement its solemn commitments of 06 January 2004 and 24 September 2008 made at the highest level that it will not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner against India.

(f) Government will take all such steps as are necessary to safeguard the country's interests.

Hacking of Computer

†611. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the cyber spy network of China has gathered secret information by hacking the computers of Indian Embassy in Washington; and

(b) whether Government is also aware that the team of International Centre of Toronto University has said in its report that China has hacked around 1295 computers in 103 countries in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) A report appeared in 'The Times of India', dated March 30, 2009, which indicated that Chinese hackers had infiltrated at least 1295 PCs in 103 countries including the Indian Embassy in Washington. The report was based on the findings of research conducted by the Munk Centre for International Studies at University of Toronto over ten months. Government keeps all such developments under review and takes measures as required to ensure the security of Government's electronic communications and files.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.